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Patent

In re the Application of: James E. Akiyama

(inventor(s))

Application No.: 09/164,898

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For: Virtualized Striping Controller

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- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- No additional fee is required.

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SMALL ENTITY	
Rate	Additional Fee
X9	\$
X40	\$
+135	\$
Total Add. Fee	\$

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X18	\$ 0.00
X80	\$ 0.00
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Applicant(s) hereby Petition(s) for an Extension of Time should one be necessary  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Box Non Fee Amendment  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned case, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendment and to consider the following remark.

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